

ARENA RESOURCES INC
Form 425
April 05, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): April 3, 2010

SANDRIDGE ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

1-33784
(Commission

20-8084793
(I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
(Address of principal executive offices)

73102
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(405) 429-5500**

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 4, 2010, SandRidge Energy, Inc. (the Company) and Arena Resources, Inc. (Arena) issued a joint press release announcing that they have entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, a newly-formed, wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company will merge with and into Arena, with Arena surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The Merger Agreement provides that, at the effective time of the merger, Arena s stockholders will receive 4.7771 shares of Company common stock and \$2.50 in cash for each share of Arena common stock owned.

Consummation of the transaction is subject to various conditions, including the approval of the stockholders of each of the Company and Arena, the effectiveness of a registration statement relating to the shares of Company common stock to be issued in the transaction, customary regulatory approvals and certain other conditions.

A copy of the joint press release of the Company and Arena announcing the execution of the Merger Agreement is included herein as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the investor presentation of the Company regarding the proposed transaction is included herein as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference. The information required by Item 1.01 will be filed in a separate Current Report on Form 8-K.

Important Additional Information Will be Filed with the SEC

This communication is being made in respect of the proposed business combination involving the Company and Arena. In connection with the proposed transaction, the Company plans to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) a Registration Statement on Form S-4 containing a Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and each of the Company and Arena may file with the SEC other documents regarding the proposed transaction. The definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus will be mailed to stockholders of the Company and Arena. **Investors and security holders of the Company and Arena are urged to read the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC carefully in their entirety when they become available because they will contain important information about the proposed transaction.** Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the Registration Statement and the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by the Company and Arena through the web site maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Free copies of the Registration Statement and the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC can also be obtained by directing a request to SandRidge Energy, Inc., 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102, Attention: Investor Relations, or by directing a request to Arena Resources, Inc., 6555 South Lewis Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136, Attention: Investor Relations.

The Company, Arena and their respective directors and executive officers and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding the Company s directors and executive officers is available in

its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, which was filed with the SEC on March 1, 2010, and its proxy statement for its 2009 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 22, 2009, and information regarding Arena's directors and executive officers is available in Arena's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, which was filed with the SEC on March 1, 2010, and its proxy statement for its 2009 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on October 29, 2009. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1. Press release issued jointly by SandRidge Energy, Inc. and Arena Resources, Inc., dated April 4, 2010.

Exhibit 99.2. Investor Presentation of SandRidge Energy, Inc. regarding Arena Acquisition, dated April 4, 2010.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SANDRIDGE ENERGY, INC.

(Registrant)

April 5, 2010

By: /s/ DIRK M. VAN DOREN
Name: **Dirk M. Van Doren**
Title: **Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer**